

**Minutes
Joint Security Committee
Hollywood Entertainment District
Sunset & Vine BID
June 12, 2008**

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, chairperson; Thad Smith. Not present: David Bolour, Dan Chismire, Nathan Korman, Jeff Hanlon. SVBID Committee Members Present: Darcy Judd, Chairperson, Fred Rosenthal. Not present: Brent Gaulke, Richard Falzone. Liaisons: Will Rivera, A.P. Diaz, Larry Webster, City Attorney's Office; Helen Leung, Council District 13; Steve Seyler and Joe Salazar, Andrews International Security; Senior Lead Officer Maggie Furmanski, LAPD. Guests: Sonny Rouel, Forbidden City; Matt Fisher, Palisades Development Company, Joe D'Amore, property owner. Staff: Kerry Morrison.

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairpersons John Tronson and Darcy Judd.
- 2. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 3. Minutes:** The minutes from the May 8, 2008 meeting were tabled due to a lack of quorum.

4. Reports:

A. Andrews International: Steve Seyler, Director of BID Security, presented the highlights of activities for the last month. A detailed written report was also distributed. Of particular note, Seyler indicated that the security team had visited all the liquor outlets in the two BID areas in order to advise the store managers of laws governing sales to intoxicated people. To date, there have been 714 arrests in both BIDs, and 316 have been for drinking in public, which is about 51 percent of all arrests, down from 65 percent the previous year. Seyler also pointed out how misdemeanor quality of life crimes can lead to felony arrests: in the past month, individuals arrested for urinating or drinking in public, for example, were ultimately arrested for felony drug warrants, parole violations or outstanding warrants.

B. LAPD: Senior Lead Officer Maggie Furmanski reported that crime continues to decline in the Hollywood Division. Additionally, the LAPD is organizing, in concert with LA County Sheriff, a Fare Evasion Task Force for the Metro on June 28th. Finally, the "cruiser task forces" will commence this Friday, June 13, along Sunset Boulevard from Fairfax to LaBrea.

C. City Attorney: Will Rivera reported that nightclub issues are on the city's radar at present. He reported on a committee convened by the Council District to work on a new ordinance that will tighten the enforcement against establishments who operate with a restaurant license, but function more like a nightclub. The ordinance will make it easier to shut down these businesses for non-compliance with their CUP or ABC license. These establishments are supposed to sell a certain ratio of food to alcohol, and should not have dancing, amplified music, etc. Further, when operating with a restaurant license (type 47), it is easier to allow minors to enter. He reported on an action filed against a business in the District, GOA, where multiple violations exist. For example, there were 600 people in that business, and the formal capacity is 49, as it was licensed as a restaurant.

A.P. Diaz, the deputy city attorney assigned to oversee school safety issues, reported that LAUSD is currently discussing whether to require uniforms in middle and high school. The discussion arose because of the opening of the Bernstein High School in September, which could potentially lead to more vandalism and graffiti in the area.

5. New Business

A. Use of Bicycles in BID Patrol: Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar presented a briefing sheet that laid out the pros and cons of adding bicycles to the security patrol. The Committee members present, after a discussion, generally approved of the idea of adding this capability where and when appropriate to allow for greater mobility and visibility in the two BIDs. This will be brought back as an action item next month.

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A. Selma Park Family Day event: Morrison reported on the success of a family celebration, to celebrate the “reclaiming” of Selma Park as a children’s play area. The event was held on Saturday, May 30 and approximately 250 people attended.

B. Homeless Coalition: Morrison reported that a field trip is planned to take community business leaders and social service partners to visit a permanent assisted living facility in Santa Monica on Friday, June 13. In addition, Project Homeless Connect Day is slated for Thursday, June 26 at the Music Box, and volunteers are welcome at this event.

C. Camera Issues: Morrison reported that there is still a delay in consummating the camera installation at Sunset and Vine because of the reluctance of the CRA staff to allow the installation of a repeater on the elevator structure at the Arclight. In addition, both BIDs have budget to install another camera, and one possible suggestion might be to share the cost of an installation on the border of two BIDs, at Selma and Gower. Joe D’Amore, property owner at the NW corner of Selma and Gower addressed the committee relative to his frustration that after a significant remodeling of the exterior of his building, his 14 windows have been etched and acid etched four times in three weeks. The possibility of installing a camera at that location will be further discussed at the next Committee meeting.

7. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairpersons Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 11:15 a.m.